arrangements specially on Indo-Pak border keeping in view of such incidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) and (b) While there has been an increase in the firing from across the Line of Control/Actual Ground Position Line since the third week of July, 2001, there has been no firing by Pakistani troops in the Poonch sector during July 2001.

(c) and (d) Government continue to monitor all developments.

Meeting of DGMOs of India and Pakistan

2018. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director-General's of Military Operations (DGMOs) of India and Pakistan met before the Agra Summit to discuss ways and means to reduce military tension along the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir and the Actual Ground Position Line (AGPL) along the Siachen Glacier Saltoro Ridge; and

(b) if so, whether any progress is likely to be made in the processes for peace along the LoC and the AGPL so as to strengthen and stabilise further confidence building measures between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Separate Logistic Organisation in Army

2019. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to create a separate logistics organisation in the army in view of high-tech equipments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which it would coordinate with artillery corps and the present signal corps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) At present there is no proposal for a separate logistics organisation in the Army. The existing organisation is generally adequate to meet the requirements of the Army. To carry out tasks related to high-tech equipment the existing organisation is being utilized with required modifications.

(b) and (c) In view of answer at (a) above, the question does not arise.

Prime Minister's visit to US

2020. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress achieved in implementation of the vision of new relationship between India and United States after the Prime Minister's visit to United States;

(b) the progress achieved in further expansion of mutually beneficial co-operation in the areas such as trade and commerce, finance and investment, energy and environment, health, science and technology and counter terrorism; and

(c) the progress achieved in investment of capital from U.S. in the country since March 2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) After the Prime Minister's visit to the United States in September 2000, the new Administration under President George Bush gave early indications of its desire, not only to continue with the implementation of the vision of the new relationship between the two countries, but also to broaden and deepen it. The two sides have since maintained regular contacts, including at the highest political level.

(b) As provided for under the framework of the dialogue architecture, expansion of the co-operation continues as an ongoing process, covering areas such as trade and commerce, finance and